

November 9, 2004

MAN INDICTED FOR CAPRON BANK ROBBERY

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, together with RICHARD K. RUMINSKI, Acting Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Boone County Sheriff DUANE WIRTH, today made the following announcement:

A federal grand jury in Rockford returned an indictment today charging SCOTT M. HILES, 31, of Woodstock, Illinois, with committing the robbery of Blackhawk State Bank, in Capron, Illinois, on October 20, 2004. The indictment also charged Hiles with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Hiles will appear in federal court in Rockford tomorrow morning, November 10th, at 11:30 a.m., for arraignment on the indictment. The arraignment hearing will be conducted by Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney.

Hiles was arrested on October 22, 2004, in Woodstock. The arrest was made by agents of the FBI, and deputies from Boone County and McHenry County Sheriff's Offices. At a bail hearing on October 26, 2004, Judge Mahoney ordered that Hiles will be detained until his trial. Hiles remains in federal custody.

The federal bank robbery charge carries a maximum penalty of up to twenty years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and restitution. The charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm carries a maximum penalty of up to ten years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. If Hiles is convicted of these charges, his actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was investigated by the Rockford Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Boone County Sheriff's Office. The Rockford Police Department and the McHenry County Sheriff's Office assisted in the investigation. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney SCOTT A. VERSEMAN.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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